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1. USG HAS IMPLEMENTED POLICY TO SELL RATHER THAN LEND OR LEASE U.S. NAVAL SHIPS DETERMINED TO BE IN EXCESS OF CURRENT OR FUTURE US MILITARY NEEDS. SHIPS ARE SOLD ON "AS IS WHERE IS" BASIS. DE'S IN GENERAL COST DOLS 150 THOUSAND. COST FOR MODEST REHAB IS ESTIMATED AT DOLS 500 THOUSAND.

2. DO NOT CONSIDER COURTNEY CLASS DE APPROPRIATE FOR MOROCCAN NAVY NEEDS, HOWEVER. THIS CLASS PRIMARILY ANTI-SUBMARINE WARFARE ORIENTED WITH LIMITED SURFACE OR ANTI-AIR CAPABILITY. CLASS HAS ONLY SINGLE TWIN .50 CALIBER MOUNT FORWARD. PROPULSION CONSISTS OF ONE GEARED, TURBINE, SINGLE SCREW, AND TWO 600 PSI BOILERS. LACK OF BACK-UP MAIN PROPULSION AND AUXILIARY UNITS PRODUCES SERIOUS QUESTION OF FEASIBILITY OF MOROCCAN NAVY MAINTAINING SINGLE SHIP OF THIS CLASS IN EFFECTIVE OPERATING CONDITION.

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3. REGRET NO OTHER DE/DER TYPE THAT WOULD BE APPROPRIATE
TO MOROCCAN NAVY NEEDS WILL BE COMING AVAILABLE ON A "HOT-
SHIP TRANSFER" BASIS IN FORESEEABLE FUTURE. KISSINGER

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